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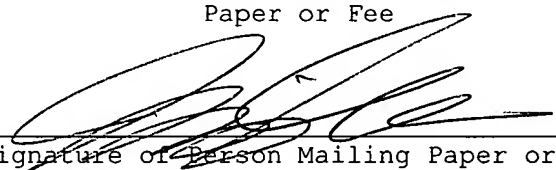
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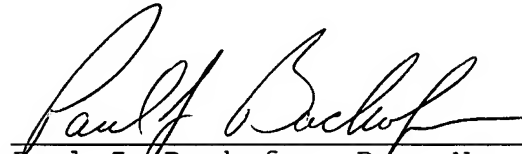
In the interest of expediting the prosecution of the above referenced application, the applicant elects prosecution of claims 1-10, 18-22, 24, and 27-35 that the Examiner has referenced as claim group I.

Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecution of the non-elected claims in one or more continuation applications.

Serial No. 10/002,877

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the claims, allow the claims, and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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